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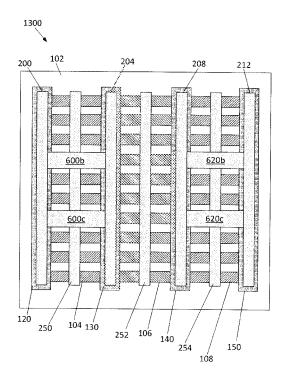
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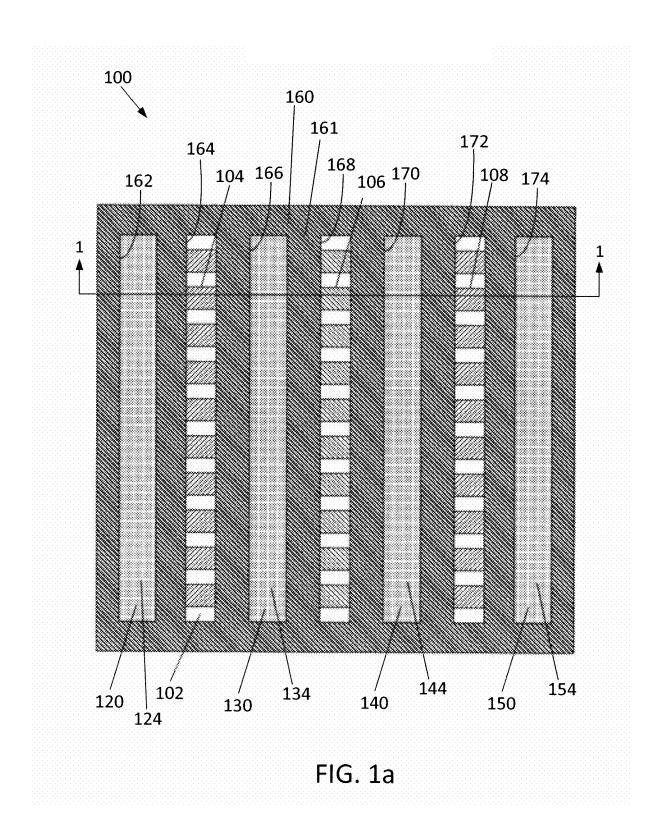
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(57) ABSTRACT

A semiconductor arrangement includes a well region and a first region disposed within the well region. The first region includes a first conductivity type. The semiconductor arrangement includes a first gate disposed above the well region on a first side of the first region. The first gate includes a first top surface facing away from the well region. The first top surface has a first top surface area. The semiconductor arrangement includes a first gate contact disposed above the first gate. The first gate contact includes a first bottom surface facing towards the well region. The first bottom surface has a first bottom surface area. The first bottom surface area covers at least about two thirds of the first top surface area.

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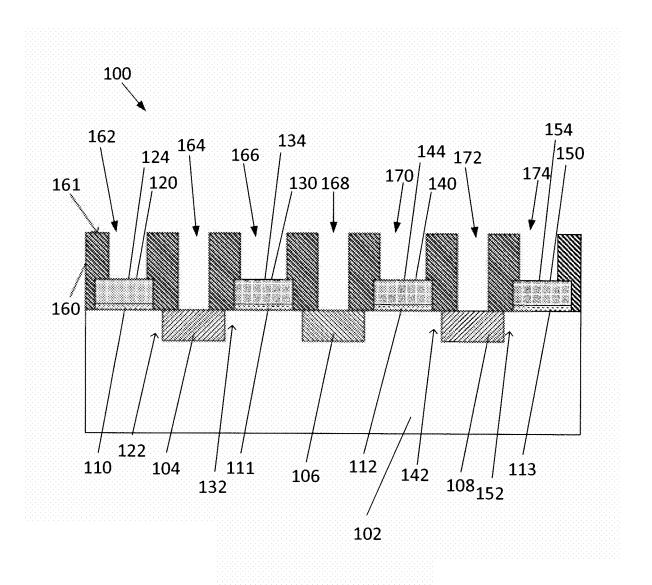


FIG. 1b

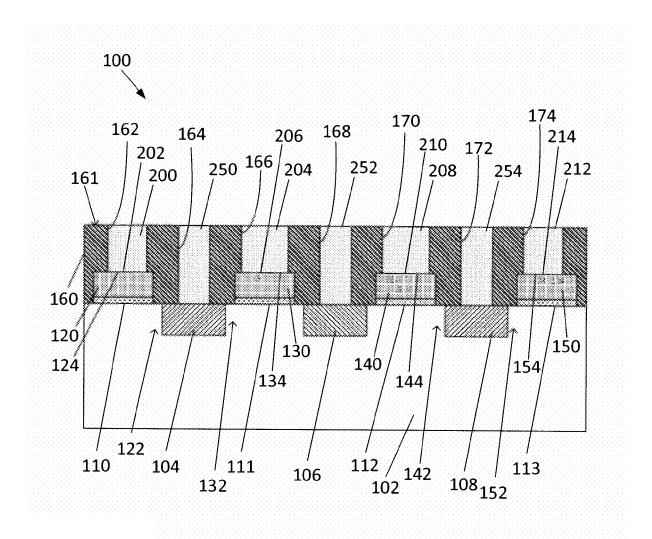


FIG. 2

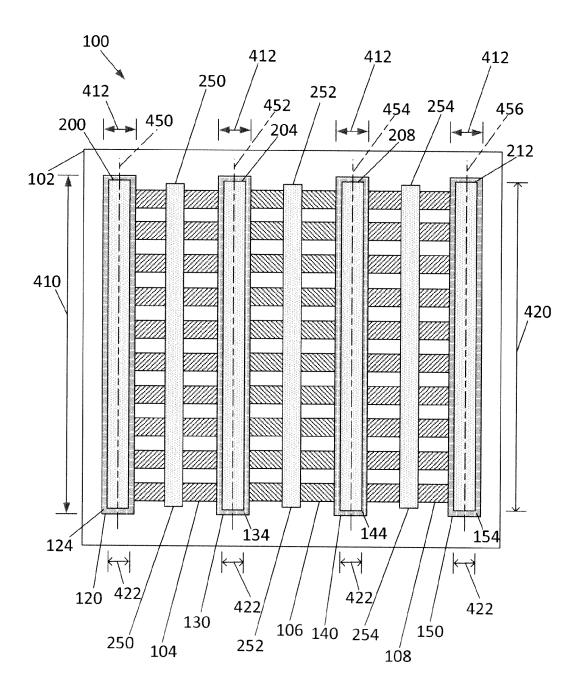


FIG. 3

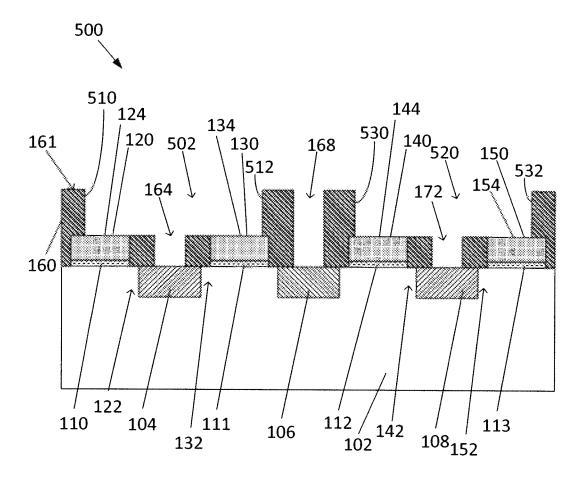


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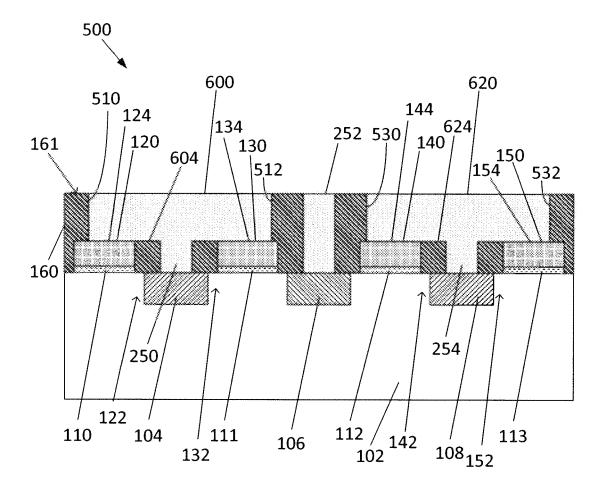
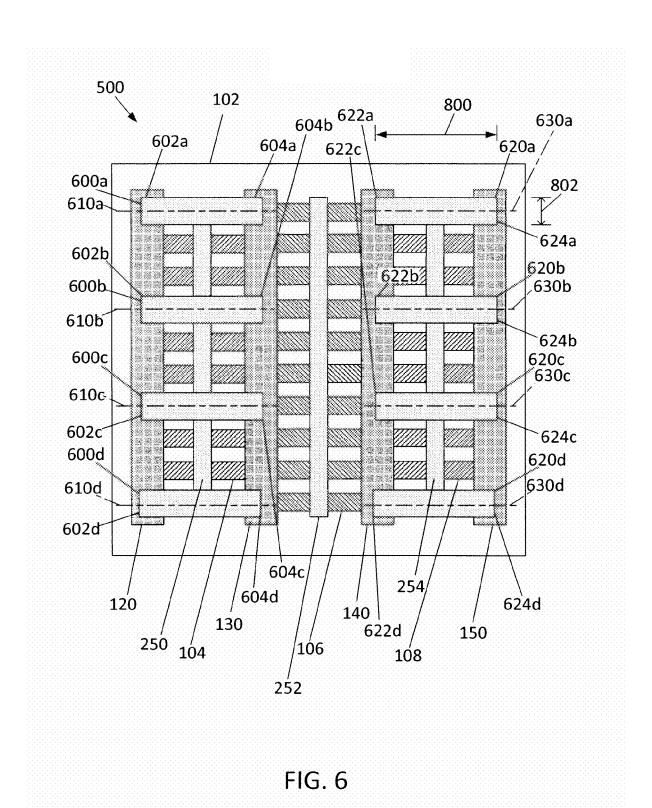
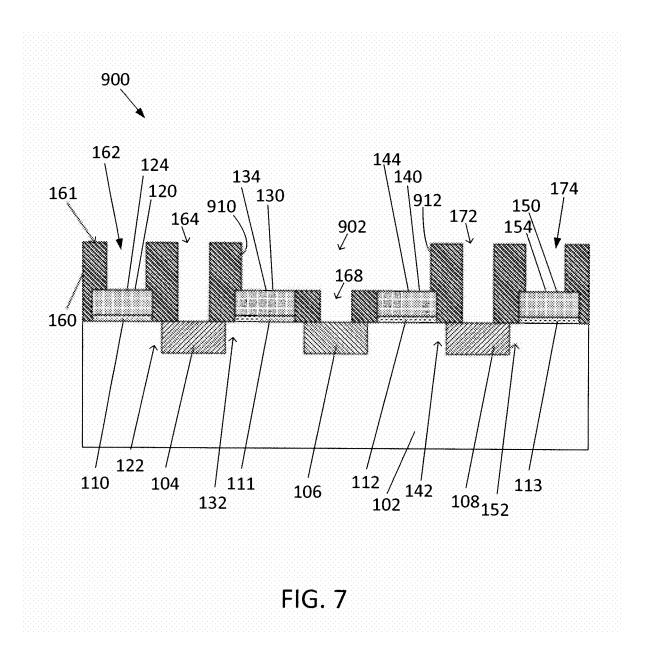


FIG. 5





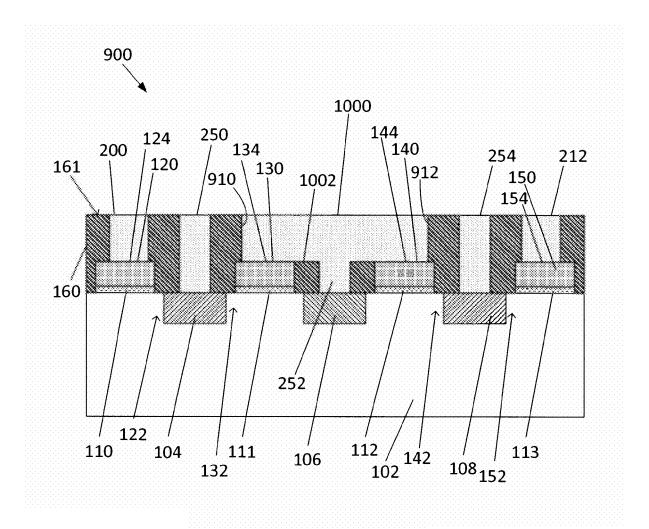
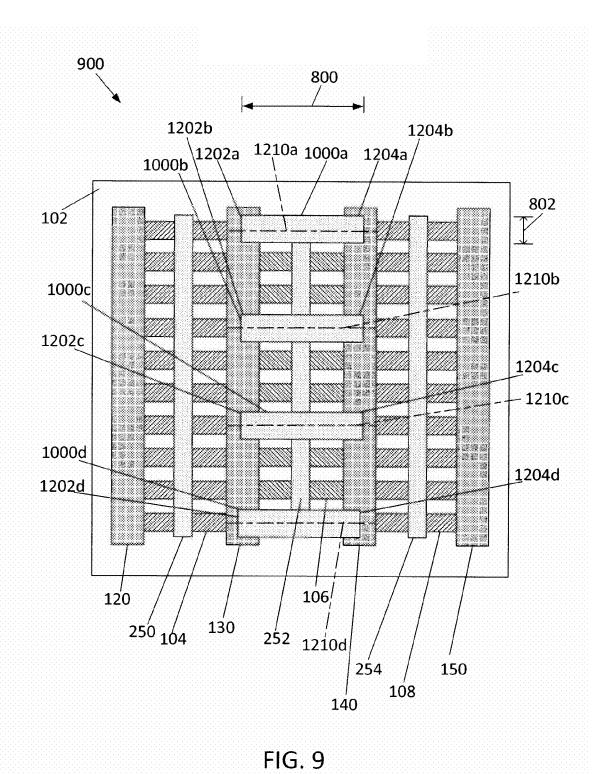


FIG. 8



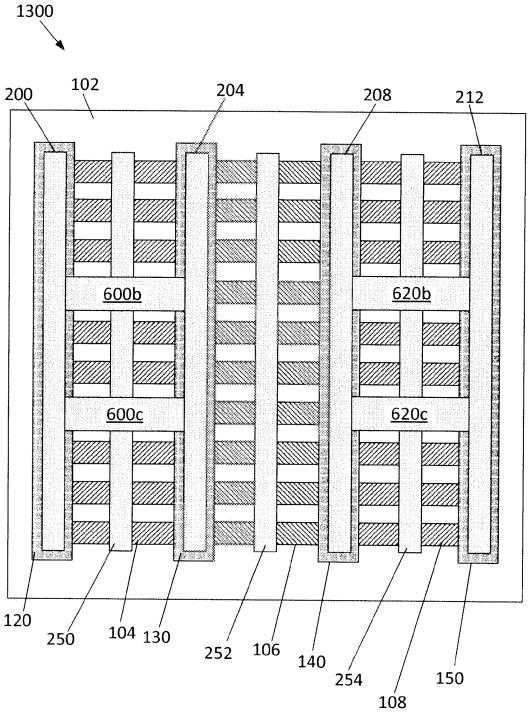
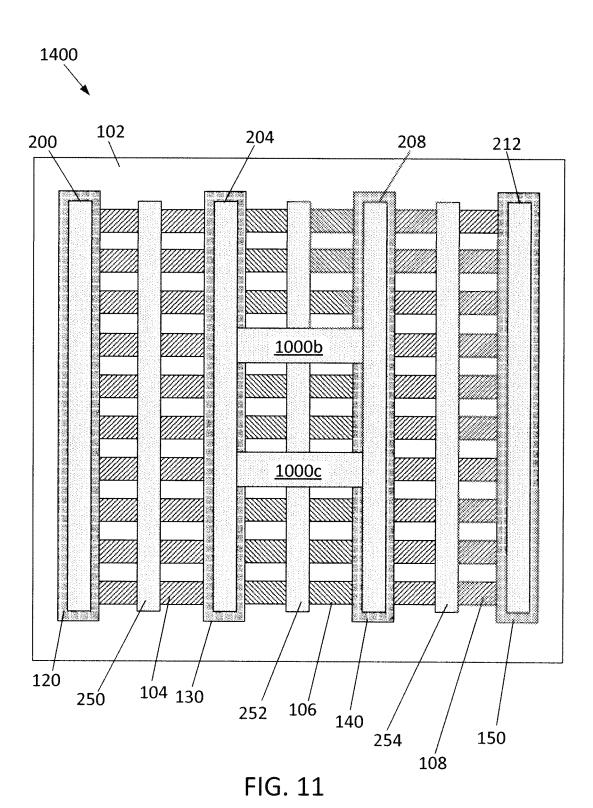


FIG. 10



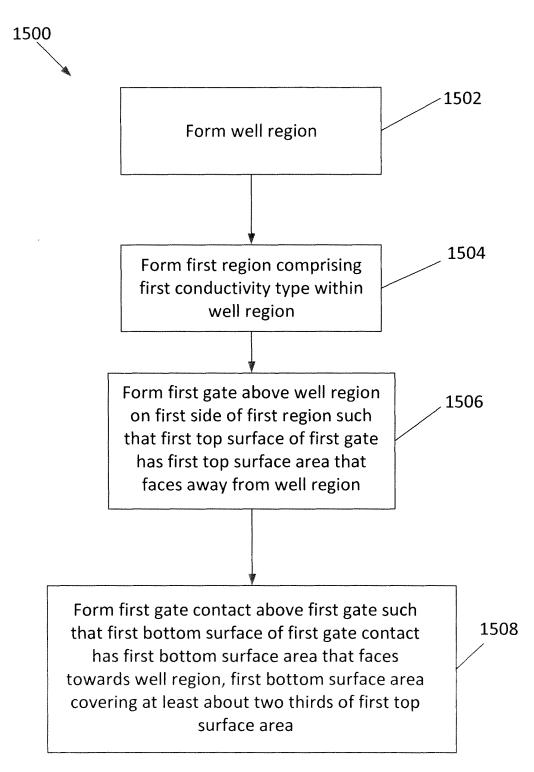


FIG. 12

SEMICONDUCTOR ARRANGEMENT FACILITATING ENHANCED THERMO-CONDUCTION

BACKGROUND

High voltages can develop in the vicinity of an integrated circuit due to the buildup of electrostatic charges. When the electrostatic charges are discharged, a current is produced at nodes of the integrated circuit, thus causing an electrostatic discharge (ESD). During ESD, current flowing through the integrated circuit generates heat.

SUMMARY

This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described below in the detailed description. This summary is not intended to be an extensive overview of the claimed subject matter, identify nor is it intended to be used to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter.

One or more techniques, and resulting structures, for fabricating a semiconductor arrangement are provided herein.

The following description and annexed drawings set forth 25 certain illustrative aspects and implementations. These are indicative of but a few of the various ways in which one or more aspects are employed. Other aspects, advantages, and/ or novel features of the disclosure will become apparent from the following detailed description when considered in conjunction with the annexed drawings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Aspects of the disclosure are understood from the follow- 35 ing detailed description when read with the accompanying drawings. It will be appreciated that elements and/or structures of the drawings are not necessarily be drawn to scale. Accordingly, the dimensions of the various features may be arbitrarily increased and/or reduced for clarity of discussion. 40

FIG. 1a illustrates a portion of a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 1b illustrates a portion of a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 2 illustrates forming contacts associated with fabri- 45 cating a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment:

FIG. 3 illustrates a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 4 illustrates a portion of a semiconductor arrange- 50 ment, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 5 illustrates forming contacts associated with fabricating a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 6 illustrates a semiconductor arrangement, according 55 to an embodiment;

FIG. 7 illustrates a portion of a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 8 illustrates forming contacts associated with fabricating a semiconductor arrangement, according to an 60 embodiment;

FIG. 9 illustrates a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 10 illustrates a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

FIG. 11 illustrates a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment;

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FIG. 12 illustrates a method of fabricating a semiconductor arrangement, according to an embodiment.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The claimed subject matter is now described with reference to the drawings, wherein like reference numerals are generally used to refer to like elements throughout. In the following description, for purposes of explanation, numerous specific details are set forth in order to provide an understanding of the claimed subject matter. It is evident, however, that the claimed subject matter may be practiced without these specific details. In other instances, structures and devices are illustrated in block diagram form in order to facilitate describ-15 ing the claimed subject matter.

One or more techniques for fabricating a semiconductor arrangement and resulting structures formed thereby are provided herein.

FIG. 1a is a plan view illustrating a semiconductor arrangekey factors or essential features of the claimed subject matter, 20 ment 100 according to some embodiments. FIG. 1b is a crosssectional view illustrating the embodiment of FIG. 1a along line 1-1. In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement 100 includes a well region 102. According to some embodiments, the well region 102 comprises a first conductivity type. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type comprises a p-type, such that the well region 102 comprises a p-well. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type of the well region 102 comprises an n-type such that the well region 102 comprises an n-well.

> In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a first region 104. According to some embodiments, the first region 104 is disposed within the well region 102. In an embodiment, the first region 104 is implanted in the well region 102. In an embodiment, the first region 104 comprises a first conductivity type. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type comprises a p-type. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type comprises an n-type. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type comprises a p+ type. In some embodiments, the first conductivity type comprises an n+ type. According to some embodiments, the first region 104 comprises a source region. According to some embodiments, the first region 104 comprises a drain region.

> In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a second region 106. According to some embodiments, the second region 106 is disposed within the well region 102. In an embodiment, the second region 106 is implanted in the well region 102. In an embodiment, the second region 106 comprises a second conductivity type. In some embodiments, the second conductivity type comprises a p-type. In some embodiments, the second conductivity type comprises an n-type. In some embodiments, the second conductivity type comprises a p+ type. In some embodiments, the second conductivity type comprises an n+ type. According to some embodiments, the second region 106 comprises an opposite conductivity type than the first region 104. According to some embodiments, the second region 106 comprises a source region. According to some embodiments, the second region 106 comprises a drain region.

> In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a third region 108. According to some embodiments, the third region 108 is disposed within the well region 102. In an embodiment, the third region 108 is implanted in the well region 102. In an embodiment, the third region 108 comprises the first conductivity type. According to some embodiments, the third region 108 comprises an opposite conductivity type than the second region 106. In some embodiments, if the second region 106 comprises a P+ con-

ductivity type, the first region 104 and the third region 108 comprise an N+ conductivity type. In some embodiments, if the second region 106 comprises an N+ conductivity type, the first region 104 and the third region 108 comprise a P+ conductivity type. According to some embodiments, the third region 108 comprises a source region. According to some embodiments, the third region 108 comprises a drain region.

According to some embodiments, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a first gate insulator 110, second gate insulator 111, third gate insulator 112, and fourth gate 10 insulator 113. In an embodiment, the gate insulators 110, 111, 112, 113 are disposed above and on top of the well region 102. The gate insulators 110, 111, 112, 113 are formed in any number of ways, such as by deposition, epitaxial growth, etc., for example. In some embodiments, the gate insulators 110, 15 111, 112, 113 comprise a dielectric material.

According to some embodiments, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a first gate 120. In an embodiment, the first gate 120 is disposed on the first gate insulator 110 above the well region 102 on a first side 122 of the first 20 region 104. In an embodiment, the first gate 120 is formed by deposition. In some embodiments, the first gate 120 selectively provides an electrical path to the first region 104. According to some embodiments, the first gate 120 comprises a conductive material, such as aluminum, copper, etc. In an 25 embodiment, the first gate 120 comprises a first top surface 124 facing away from the well region 102.

According to some embodiments, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a second gate 130. In an embodiment, the second gate 130 is disposed on the second gate 30 insulator 111 above the well region 102 on a second side 132 of the first region 104. In an embodiment, the second gate 130 is formed by deposition. In some embodiments, the second gate 130 selectively provides an electrical path between the first region 104 and the second region 106. According to some 35 embodiments, the second gate 130 comprises a conductive material, such as aluminum, copper, etc. In an embodiment, the second gate 130 comprises a second top surface 134 facing away from the well region 102.

According to some embodiments, the semiconductor 40 arrangement 100 comprises a third gate 140. In an embodiment, the third gate 140 is disposed on the third gate insulator 112 above the well region 102 on a first side 142 of the third region 108. In an embodiment, the third gate 140 is formed by deposition. In some embodiments, the third gate 140 selectively provides an electrical path between the second region 106 and the third region 108. According to some embodiments, the third gate 140 comprises a conductive material, such as aluminum, copper, etc. In an embodiment, the third gate 140 comprises a third top surface 144 facing away from 50 the well region 102.

According to some embodiments, the semiconductor arrangement 100 comprises a fourth gate 150. In an embodiment, the fourth gate 150 is disposed on the fourth gate insulator 113 above the well region 102 on a second side 152 55 of the third region 108. In an embodiment, the fourth gate 150 is formed by deposition. In some embodiments, the fourth gate 150 selectively provides an electrical path to the third region 108. According to some embodiments, the fourth gate 150 comprises a conductive material, such as aluminum, copper, etc. In an embodiment, the fourth gate 150 comprises a fourth top surface 154 facing away from the well region 102.

According to some embodiments, a dielectric layer 160 is formed over the well region 102, the regions 104, 106, 108, and the gates 120, 130, 140, 150. The dielectric layer 160 is 65 formed in any number of ways, such as by chemical vapor deposition (CVD), high density plasma CVD (HDP-CVD),

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or other suitable methods, for example. The dielectric layer 160 comprises any number of materials, including, for example, oxides, silicon dioxide, etc., alone or in combination

According to some embodiments, portions of the dielectric layer 160 are removed, such as by dry or wet etching, for example, to form one or more openings in the dielectric layer 160. In some embodiments, a first gate opening 162 is formed over the first gate 120 from an upper surface 161 of the dielectric layer 160 to the first top surface 124 of the first gate 120. In some embodiments, a first region opening 164 is formed over the first region 104 from the upper surface 161 of the dielectric layer 160 to the first region 104. In some embodiments, a second gate opening 166 is formed over the second gate 130 from the upper surface 161 to the second top surface 134 of the second gate 130. In some embodiments, a second region opening 168 is formed over the second region 106 from the upper surface 161 to the second region 106. In some embodiments, a third gate opening 170 is formed over the third gate 140 from the upper surface 161 to the third top surface 144 of the third gate 140. In some embodiments, a third region opening 172 is formed over the third region 108 from the upper surface 161 to the third region 108. In some embodiments, a fourth gate opening 174 is formed over the fourth gate 150 from the upper surface 161 to the fourth top surface **154** of the fourth gate **150**.

FIG. 2 illustrates the formation of contacts within the openings 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, according to some embodiments. In some embodiments, a first gate contact 200 is formed within the first gate opening 162. In an embodiment, the first gate contact 200 is disposed above and on top of the first gate 120. According to some embodiments, the first gate contact 200 comprises a first bottom surface 202 facing towards the well region 102. In some embodiments, a second gate contact 204 is formed within the second gate opening 166. In an embodiment, the second gate contact 204 is disposed above and on top of the second gate 130. According to some embodiments, the second gate contact 204 comprises a second bottom surface 206 facing towards the well region 102.

In some embodiments, a third gate contact 208 is formed within the third gate opening 170. In an embodiment, the third gate contact 208 is disposed above and on top of the third gate 140. According to some embodiments, the third gate contact 208 comprises a third bottom surface 210 facing towards the well region 102. In some embodiments, a fourth gate contact 212 is formed within the fourth gate opening 174. In an embodiment, the fourth gate contact 212 is disposed above and on top of the fourth gate 150. According to some embodiments, the fourth gate contact 212 comprises a fourth bottom surface 214 facing towards the well region 102.

In some embodiments, the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212 comprise a conductive material. According to some embodiments, the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212 comprise tungsten, copper, aluminum, alone or in combination.

In some embodiments, a first region contact 250 is formed within the first region opening 164. In an embodiment, the first region contact 250 is disposed above and on top of the first region 104. According to some embodiments, a second region contact 252 is formed within the second region opening 168. In an embodiment, the second region contact 252 is disposed above and on top of the second region 106. According to some embodiments, a third region contact 254 is formed within the third region opening 172. In an embodiment, the third region contact 254 is disposed above and on top of the third region 108.

In some embodiments, the region contacts 250, 252, 254 comprise a conductive material. According to some embodiments, the region contacts 250, 252, 254 comprise tungsten, copper, aluminum, etc., alone or in combination. In some embodiments, the region contacts 250, 252, 254 comprise the same material as the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212, while in some embodiments, the region contacts 250, 252, 254 comprise a different material than the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212.

FIG. 3 is a plan view illustrating the semiconductor 10 arrangement 100, according to some embodiments. According to some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 2, the dielectric layer 160 covers portions of the well region 102, regions 104, 106, 108, gates 120, 130, 140, 150, etc. For illustrative purposes, however, to better show portions of the semicon- 15 ductor arrangement 100, the dielectric layer 160 is not illustrated in FIG. 3. In an embodiment, the first top surface 124 of the first gate 120 comprises a first top surface area. In an embodiment, the second top surface 134 of the second gate 130 comprises a second top surface area. In an embodiment, 20 the third top surface 144 of the third gate 140 comprises a third top surface area. In an embodiment, the fourth top surface 154 of the fourth gate 150 comprises a fourth top surface area. According to some embodiments, the top surface areas of the top surfaces 124, 134, 144, 154 comprise a product of 25 a gate length 410 by a gate width 412.

In an embodiment, the first bottom surface 202 (illustrated in FIG. 2) of the first gate contact 200 comprises a first bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the second bottom surface 206 (illustrated in FIG. 2) of the second gate contact 204 30 comprises a second bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the third bottom surface 210 (illustrated in FIG. 2) of the third gate contact 208 comprises a third bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the fourth bottom surface 214 (illustrated in FIG. 2) of the fourth gate contact 212 comprises a fourth 35 bottom surface area. According to some embodiments, the bottom surface areas of the bottom surfaces 202, 206, 210, 214 comprise a product of a contact length 420 by a contact width 422.

In some embodiments, the first bottom surface area covers at least about two thirds of the first top surface area. According to some embodiments, the first bottom surface area of the first gate contact **200** covers at least about three fourths of the first top surface area of the first gate **120**. In some embodiments, the second, third, and fourth bottom surface areas 45 cover at least about two thirds of the second, third, and fourth top surface areas, respectively. According to some embodiments, the second, third, and fourth bottom surface areas cover at least about three fourths of the second, third, and fourth top surface areas, respectively.

In an embodiment, the first gate contact 200 extends along a first gate axis 450 that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the first gate 120 extends. According to some embodiments, the first gate contact 200 extends substantially parallel with respect to the first gate 120. In some embodiments, the second gate contact 204 extends along a second gate axis 452 that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the second gate 130 extends. According to some embodiments, the third gate contact 208 extends along a third gate axis 454 that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the third gate 140 extends. According to some embodiments, the fourth gate contact 212 extends along a fourth gate axis 456 that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the fourth gate 150 extends.

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a second 65 example semiconductor arrangement 500. According to some embodiments, the second semiconductor arrangement 500

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includes the well region 102, first region 104, second region 106, third region 108, first gate 120, second gate 130, third gate 140, fourth gate 150, first region opening 164, second region opening 168, and third region opening 172.

In some embodiments, portions of the dielectric layer 160 are removed, such as by dry or wet etching, to form one or more openings within the dielectric layer 160. In some embodiments, a first multi-gate opening 502 is formed over the first gate 120, first region 104, and the second gate 130. According to an embodiment, the first multi-gate opening 502 extends between a first dielectric surface 510 at a first end and a second dielectric surface 512 at a second end. In an embodiment, the first multi-gate opening 502 is formed above the first region opening 164.

In some embodiments, a second multi-gate opening 520 is formed over the third gate 140, third region 108, and fourth gate 150. According to an embodiment, the second multi-gate opening 520 extends between a third dielectric surface 530 at a first end and a fourth dielectric surface 532 at a second end. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate opening 520 is formed above the third region opening 172.

FIG. 5 illustrates the formation of contacts within the openings 164, 168, 172, 502, 520, according to some embodiments. In some embodiments, the first region contact 250 is formed in the first region opening 164. According to some embodiments, the second region contact 252 is formed in the second region opening 168. In some embodiments, the third region contact 254 is formed in the third region opening 172.

According to some embodiments, a first multi-gate contact 600 is formed in the first multi-gate opening 502. In some embodiments, the first multi-gate contact 600 is disposed above and on top of the first gate 120, first region contact 250, and the second gate 130. According to some embodiments, the first multi-gate contact 600 comprises a first multi-gate bottom surface 604 facing towards the well region 102. In some embodiments, the first multi-gate bottom surface 604 of the first multi-gate contact 600 is in contact with the first region contact 250. According to some embodiments, the first multi-gate contact 600 is formed between the first gate 120 and the second gate 130.

According to some embodiments, a second multi-gate contact 620 is formed in the second multi-gate opening 520. In some embodiments, the second multi-gate contact 620 is disposed above and on top of the third gate 140, third region contact 254, and the fourth gate 150. According to some embodiments, the second multi-gate contact 620 comprises a second multi-gate bottom surface 624 facing towards the well region 102. In some embodiments, the second multi-gate bottom surface 624 of the second multi-gate contact 620 is in contact with the third region contact 254. According to some embodiments, the second multi-gate contact 620 is formed between the third gate 140 and the fourth gate 150.

In some embodiments, the first multi-gate contact 600 and the second multi-gate contact 620 comprise a conductive material. According to some embodiments, the first multigate contact 600 and the second multi-gate contact 620 comprise tungsten, copper, aluminum, polysilicon, etc., alone or in combination. In an embodiment, the first multi-gate contact 600 comprises the same material as the first region contact 250. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate contact 620 comprises the same material as the third region contact 254.

FIG. 6 is a plan view illustrating the second semiconductor arrangement 500, according to some embodiments. According to some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 5, the dielectric layer 160 covers portions of the well region 102, regions 104, 106, 108, gates 120, 130, 140, 150, etc. For illustrative

purposes, however, to better show portions of the second semiconductor arrangement **500**, the dielectric layer **160** is not illustrated in FIG. **6**. In an embodiment, the first multigate contacts **600***a*, **600***b*, **600***c*, **600***d* extend between a first end **602***a*, **602***b*, **602***c*, **602***d* and a second end **604***a*, **604***b*, **504***c*, **604***d*. In some embodiments, the first end **602***a*, **602***b*, **602***d* is disposed above and in contact with the first gate **120**. In some embodiments, the second end **604***a*, **604***b*, **604***c*, **604***d* is disposed above and in contact with the second gate **130**. The first multi-gate contacts **600***a*, **600***b*, **600***c*, **600***d* are illustrated as comprising four multi-gate contacts, but, according to some embodiments, the second semiconductor arrangement **500** includes any number of first multi-gate contacts.

In some embodiments, the first multi-gate contacts 600a, 15 600b, 600c, 600d extend along a first multi-gate axis 610a, 610b, 610c, 610d. According to some embodiments, the first multi-gate axis 610a, 610b, 610c, 610d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which at least one of the first gate 120 or the second gate 130 extend. In an embodiment, the 20 first multi-gate axis 610a, 610b, 610c, 610d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the first gate 120 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the second gate 130 extends. In an embodiment, the first multi-gate axis 610a, 610b, 610c, 610d is substantially 25 perpendicular to a direction along which the second gate 130 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the first gate 120 extends.

In an embodiment, the first multi-gate bottom surface 604 (illustrated in FIG. 5) of the first multi-gate contacts 600a, 30 600b, 600c, 600d comprises a first multi-gate bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the first multi-gate bottom surface area comprises at least about one fifth of at least one of the first top surface area of the first gate 120 or the second top surface area of the second gate 130. According to some embodiments, 35 the first multi-gate bottom surface areas of the first multi-gate contacts 600a, 600b, 600c, 600d comprise a product of a contact length 800 by a contact width 802.

In an embodiment, the second multi-gate contacts 620a, 620b, 620c, 620d extend between a first end 622a, 622b, 40 622c, 622d and a second end 624a, 624b, 624c, 624d. In some embodiments, the first end 622a, 622b, 622c, 622d is disposed above and in contact with the third gate 140. In some embodiments, the second end 624a, 624b, 624c, 624d is disposed above and in contact with the fourth gate 150. The 45 second multi-gate contacts 620a, 620b, 620c, 620d are illustrated as comprising four multi-gate contacts, but according to some embodiments, the second semiconductor arrangement 500 includes any number of second multi-gate contacts.

In some embodiments, the second multi-gate contacts 50 620a, 620b, 620c, 620d extend along a second multi-gate axis 630a, 630b, 630c, 630d. According to some embodiments, the second multi-gate axis 630a, 630b, 630c, 630d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which at least one of the third gate 140 or the fourth gate 150 extend. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate axis 630a, 630b, 630c, 630d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the third gate 140 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the fourth gate 150 extends. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate axis 630a, 630b, 630c, 60 630d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the fourth gate 150 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the fourth gate 150 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the third gate 140 extends.

In an embodiment, the second multi-gate bottom surface **624** (illustrated in FIG. **5**) of the second multi-gate contacts **65 620***a*, **620***b*, **620***c*, **620***d* comprises a second multi-gate bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate

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bottom surface area comprises at least about one fifth of at least one of the third top surface area of the third gate 140 or the fourth top surface area of the second gate 130. According to some embodiments, the second multi-gate bottom surface areas of the second multi-gate contacts 620a, 620b, 620c, 620d comprise a product of the contact length 800 by the contact width 802.

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a third example semiconductor arrangement 900. According to some embodiments, the third semiconductor arrangement 900 includes the well region 102, first region 104, second region 106, third region 108, first gate 120, second gate 130, third gate 140, fourth gate 150, first region opening 164, second region opening 168, and the third region opening 172.

In some embodiments, portions of the dielectric layer 160 are removed, such as by dry or wet etching, to form one or more openings within the dielectric layer 160. In some embodiments, a third multi-gate opening 902 is formed over the second gate 130, second region 106, and the third gate 140. According to an embodiment, the third multi-gate opening 902 extends between a first dielectric surface 910 at a first end and a second dielectric surface 912 at a second end. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate opening 902 is formed above the second region opening 168.

FIG. 8 illustrates the formation of contacts within the openings 162, 164, 168, 172, 174, 902. In some embodiments, the first gate contact 200 is formed in the first gate opening 162. In some embodiments, the first region contact 250 is formed in the first region opening 164. In some embodiments, the second region contact 252 is formed in the second region opening 168. In some embodiments, the third region contact 254 is formed in the third region opening 172. In some embodiments, the fourth gate contact 212 is formed in the fourth gate opening 174.

According to some embodiments, a third multi-gate contact 1000 is formed in the third multi-gate opening 902. In some embodiments, the third multi-gate contact 1000 is disposed above and on top of the second gate 130, second region contact 252, and the third gate 140. According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate contact 1000 comprises a third multi-gate bottom surface 1002 facing towards the well region 102. In some embodiments, the third multi-gate bottom surface 1002 of the third multi-gate contact 1000 is in contact with the second region contact 252. In some embodiments, the third multi-gate contact 1000 comprises a conductive material. According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate contact 1000 comprises tungsten, copper, aluminum, etc., alone or in combination. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate contact 1000 comprises the same material as the second region contact 252. According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate contact 1000 is formed between the second gate 130 and the third gate 140.

FIG. 9 is a plan view illustrating the third semiconductor arrangement 900, according to some embodiments. According to some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 8, the dielectric layer 160 covers portions of the well region 102, regions 104, 106, 108, gates 120, 130, 140, 150, etc. For illustrative purposes, however, to better show portions of the third semiconductor arrangement 900, the dielectric layer 160 is not illustrated in FIG. 9. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate contacts 1000a, 1000b, 1000c, 1000d extend between a first end 1202a, 1202b, 1202c, 1202d and a second end 1204a, 1204b, 1204c, 1204d. In some embodiments, the first end 1202a, 1202b, 1202c, 1202d is disposed above and in contact with the second gate 130. In some embodiments, the second end 1204a, 1204b, 1204c, 1204d is disposed above and in contact with the third gate 140. The third multi-gate contacts

1000a, 1000b, 1000c, 1000d are illustrated as comprising four multi-gate contacts, but, according to some embodiments, the third semiconductor arrangement 900 includes any number of third multi-gate contacts.

In some embodiments, the third multi-gate contacts 1000a, 5 1000b, 1000c, 1000d extend along a third multi-gate axis 1210a, 1210b, 1210c, 1210d. According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate axis 1210a, 1210b, 1210c, 1210d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which at least one of the second gate 130 or third gate 140 extend. In an 10 embodiment, the third multi-gate axis 1210a, 1210b, 1210c, 1210d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the second gate 130 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the third multi-gate axis 1210a, 1210b, 15 1210c, 1210d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the third gate 140 extends. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate axis 1210a, 1210b, 15 1210c, 1210d is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the third gate 140 extends, while being non-perpendicular to a direction along which the second gate 130 extends

In an embodiment, the third multi-gate bottom surface 20 **1002** (illustrated in FIG. **8**) of the third multi-gate contacts **1000**a, **1000**b, **1000**c, **1000**d comprises a third multi-gate bottom surface area. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate bottom surface area comprises at least about one fifth of at least one of the second top surface area of the second gate **130** 25 or the third top surface area of the third gate **140**. According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate bottom surface areas of the third multi-gate contacts **1000**a, **1000**b, **1000**c, **1000**d comprise a product of the contact length **800** by the contact width **802**.

FIG. 10 is a plan view illustrating a fourth example semiconductor arrangement 1300. According to some embodiments, the dielectric layer 160 covers portions of the well region 102, regions 104, 106, 108, gates 120, 130, 140, 150, etc. For illustrative purposes, however, to better show por- 35 tions of the fourth semiconductor arrangement 1300, the dielectric layer 160 is not illustrated in FIG. 10. In an embodiment, the fourth semiconductor arrangement 1300 includes the first gate contact 200, second gate contact 204, third gate contact 208, fourth gate contact 212 and first multi-gate con- 40 tacts 600b, 600c and second multi-gate contacts 620b, 620c. In some embodiments, the first gate contact 200, second gate contact 204, third gate contact 208, fourth gate contact 212 are formed in generally the same way as described above with respect to FIGS. 1 to 3. In some embodiments, the first multi- 45 gate contacts 600b, 600c and second multi-gate contacts 620b, 620c are formed in generally the same way as described above with respect to FIGS. 4 to 6.

According to some embodiments, the first multi-gate contacts 600b, 600c are disposed between the first gate contact 50 200 and the second gate contact 204. In an embodiment, the first multi-gate contacts 600b, 600c comprise a portion of the first gate contact 200 and the second gate contact 204. According to some embodiments, the second multi-gate contacts 620b, 620c are disposed between the third gate contact 55 208 and the fourth gate contacts 212. In an embodiment, the second multi-gate contacts 620b, 620c comprise a portion of the third gate contact 208 and the fourth gate contact 212.

According to some embodiments, the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212, the first multi-gate contacts 600b, 600c, and 60 the second multi-gate contacts 620b, 620c improve thermal conductivity of the fourth semiconductor arrangement 1300. In some embodiments, heat generated in the gates 120, 130, 140, 150, the first region 104, or the third region 108 is dissipated through the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212, the 65 first multi-gate contacts 600b, 600c, and the second multigate contacts 620b, 620c.

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FIG. 11 is a plan view illustrating a fifth example semiconductor arrangement 1400. According to some embodiments, the dielectric layer 160 covers portions of the well region 102, regions 104, 106, 108, gates 120, 130, 140, 150, etc. For illustrative purposes, however, to better show portions of the fifth semiconductor arrangement 1400, the dielectric layer 160 is not illustrated in FIG. 11. In an embodiment, the fifth semiconductor arrangement 1400 includes the first gate contact 200, second gate contact 204, third gate contact 208, fourth gate contact 212 and third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c. In some embodiments, the first gate contact 200, second gate contact 204, third gate contact 208, and fourth gate contact 212 are formed in generally the same way as described above with respect to FIGS. 1 to 3. In some embodiments, the third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c are formed in generally the same way as described above with respect to FIGS. 7 to 9.

According to some embodiments, the third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c are disposed between the second gate contact 204 and the third gate contact 208. In an embodiment, the third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c comprise a portion of the second gate contact 204 and the third gate contact 208.

According to some embodiments, the gate contacts 200, 204, 208, 212, and the third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c improve thermal conductivity of the fifth semiconductor arrangement 1400. In some embodiments, heat generated in the second gate 130, third gate 140, and the second region 106 is dissipated through the second gate contact 204, third gate contact 208, and the third multi-gate contacts 1000b, 1000c. It will be appreciated that improved thermal conductivity is also afforded by one or more of the foregoing embodiments. Also, the instant application, including the scope of the claims, is not to be limited by the examples illustrated, such as to two multi-gate contacts, four gate contacts, etc. Rather, any number of such features, elements, etc. are contemplated.

An example method 1500 of forming a semiconductor arrangement, such as at least one of 100, 500, 900, 1300, or 1400, according to some embodiments, is illustrated in FIG. 12. At 1502, the well region 102 is formed. At 1504, the first region 104 comprising the first conductivity type is formed within the well region 102. At 1506, the first gate 120 is formed above the well region 102 on the first side 122 of the first region 104 such that the first top surface 124 of the first gate 120 has the first top surface area that faces away from the well region 102. At 1508, the first gate contact 200 is formed above the first gate 120 such that the first bottom surface 202 of the first gate contact 200 has the first bottom surface area that faces towards the well region 102, the first bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the first top surface area.

In an embodiment, a semiconductor arrangement comprises a well region and a first region disposed within the well region. The first region comprises a first conductivity type. In an embodiment, a first gate is disposed above the well region on a first side of the first region. The first gate comprises a first top surface facing away from the well region. The first top surface has a first top surface area. In an embodiment, a first gate contact is disposed above the first gate. The first gate contact comprises a first bottom surface facing towards the well region. The first bottom surface has a first bottom surface area. The first bottom surface area covers at least about two thirds of the first top surface area.

In an embodiment, a semiconductor arrangement comprises a well region and a first region disposed within the well region. The first region comprises a first conductivity type. In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement comprises a first gate disposed above the well region on a first side of the

first region. In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement comprises a second gate disposed above the well region on a second side of the first region. In an embodiment, the semiconductor arrangement comprises a first multi-gate contact disposed above and in contact with the first gate and the 5 second gate.

In an embodiment, a method of fabricating a semiconductor arrangement comprises forming a well region. In an embodiment, the method comprises forming a first region comprising a first conductivity type within the well region. In an embodiment, the method comprises forming a first gate above the well region on a first side of the first region such that a first top surface of the first gate has a first top surface area that faces away from the well region. In an embodiment, the method comprises forming a first gate contact above the first gate such that a first bottom surface of the first gate contact has a first bottom surface area that faces towards the well region, the first bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the first top surface area.

Although the subject matter has been described in language specific to structural features or methodological acts, it is to be understood that the subject matter of the appended claims is not necessarily limited to the specific features or acts described above. Rather, the specific features and acts 25 described above are disclosed as example forms of implementing at least some of the claims.

Various operations of embodiments are provided herein. The order in which some or all of the operations are described should not be construed to imply that these operations are 30 necessarily order dependent. Alternative ordering will be appreciated having the benefit of this description. Further, it will be understood that not all operations are necessarily present in each embodiment provided herein. Also, it will be understood that not all operations are necessary in some 35

It will be appreciated that layers, regions, features, elements, etc. depicted herein are illustrated with particular dimensions relative to one another, such as structural dimenplicity and ease of understanding and that actual dimensions of the same differ substantially from that illustrated herein, in some embodiments. Additionally, a variety of techniques exist for forming the layers, regions, features, elements, etc. mentioned herein, such as implanting techniques, doping 45 techniques, spin-on techniques, sputtering techniques, growth techniques, such as thermal growth and/or deposition techniques such as chemical vapor deposition (CVD), for

Moreover, "exemplary" is used herein to mean serving as 50 an example, instance, illustration, etc., and not necessarily as advantageous. As used in this application, "or" is intended to mean an inclusive "or" rather than an exclusive "or". In addition, "a" and "an" as used in this application and the appended claims are generally be construed to mean "one or more" 55 unless specified otherwise or clear from context to be directed to a singular form. Also, at least one of A and B and/or the like generally means A or B or both A and B. Furthermore, to the extent that "includes", "having", "has", "with", or variants thereof are used, such terms are intended to be inclusive in a 60 manner similar to the term "comprising". Also, unless specified otherwise, "first," "second," or the like are not intended to imply a temporal aspect, a spatial aspect, an ordering, etc. Rather, such terms are merely used as identifiers, names, etc. for features, elements, items, etc. For example, a first gate and 65 a second gate generally correspond to gate A and gate B or two different or two identical gates or the same gate.

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Also, although the disclosure has been shown and described with respect to one or more implementations, equivalent alterations and modifications will occur to others skilled in the art based upon a reading and understanding of this specification and the annexed drawings. The disclosure includes all such modifications and alterations and is limited only by the scope of the following claims. In particular regard to the various functions performed by the above described components (e.g., elements, resources, etc.), the terms used to describe such components are intended to correspond, unless otherwise indicated, to any component which performs the specified function of the described component (e.g., that is functionally equivalent), even though not structurally equivalent to the disclosed structure. In addition, while a particular feature of the disclosure may have been disclosed with respect to only one of several implementations, such feature may be combined with one or more other features of the other implementations as may be desired and advantageous for any given or particular application.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A semiconductor arrangement comprising:
- a well region;
- a first region disposed within the well region, the first region comprising a first conductivity type;
- a first gate disposed above the well region on a first side of the first region, the first gate comprising a first top surface facing away from the well region, the first top surface having a first top surface area;
- a first gate contact disposed above the first gate, the first gate contact comprising a first bottom surface facing towards the well region, the first bottom surface having a first bottom surface area, the first bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the first top surface
- a first region contact disposed above the first region; and a first multi-gate contact in direct physical contact with the first gate contact and the first region contact.
- 2. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 1, wherein the sions and/or orientations, for example, for purposes of sim- 40 first gate contact extends along a first gate axis that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the first gate
 - 3. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 1, comprising a second gate disposed above the well region on a second side of the first region, the second gate comprising a second top surface facing away from the well region, the second top surface having a second top surface area.
 - 4. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 3, comprising a second gate contact disposed above the second gate, the second gate contact comprising a second bottom surface facing towards the well region, the second bottom surface having a second bottom surface area, the second bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the second top surface
 - 5. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 4, comprising the first multi-gate contact in direct physical contact with the second gate contact.
 - 6. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 1, wherein the first multi-gate contact comprises a first multi-gate bottom surface facing towards the well region.
 - 7. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 6, wherein the first multi-gate contact extends along a first multi-gate axis that is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the first gate extends.
 - 8. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 1, wherein the first multi-gate contact comprises a same material composition as the first region contact.

- **9**. The semiconductor arrangement of claim **1**, wherein a dielectric is disposed between the first gate contact and the first region contact.
 - 10. A semiconductor arrangement comprising:
 - a well region;
 - a first region disposed within the well region, the first region comprising a first conductivity type;
 - a first gate disposed above the well region on a first side of the first region, the first gate comprising a first to surface having a first to surface area facing away from the well region;
 - a first gate contact above the first gate, the first gate contact comprising a first bottom surface having a first bottom surface area facing towards the well region, the first bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the first to surface area;
 - a first region contact above the first region; and
 - a first multi-gate contact above and in direct, physical contact with the first region contact.
 - 11. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 10, wherein: the first multi-gate contact comprises a first multi-gate 20 bottom surface facing towards the well region, the first multi-gate bottom surface having a first multi-gate bottom surface area, the first multi-gate bottom surface area at least about one fifth of the first top surface area.
- 12. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 11, wherein the first multi-gate contact extends along a first multi-gate axis that is substantially perpendicular to a direction along which the first gate extends.
- 13. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 11, wherein the first multi-gate contact is disposed above and in contact with the first gate.
- 14. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 11, comprising a second gate disposed above the well region on a second side of the first region.
- 15. The semiconductor arrangement of claim 11, wherein the first gate contact extends along a first gate axis that is substantially parallel to a direction along which the first gate extends.

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16. A method of fabricating a semiconductor arrangement comprising:

forming a well region;

forming a first region comprising a first conductivity type within the well region;

forming a first gate above the well region on a first side of the first region such that a first top surface of the first gate has a first top surface area that faces away from the well region;

forming a first gate contact above the first gate such that a first bottom surface of the first gate contact has a first bottom surface area that faces towards the well region, the first bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the first top surface area;

forming a first region contact above the first region; and forming a first multi-gate contact above and in contact with the first region contact.

17. The method of claim 16, comprising:

forming a second gate above the well region on a second side of the first region such that a second top surface of the second gate has a second top surface area that faces away from the well region; and

forming a second gate contact above the second gate such that a second bottom surface of the second gate contact has a second bottom surface area that faces towards the well region, the second bottom surface area covering at least about two thirds of the second top surface area.

- 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the forming the first multi-gate contact comprises forming the first multi-gate contact between the first gate and the second gate.
- 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the first multi-gate contact is formed to contact the first gate contact.
- 20. The method of claim 16, comprising forming a dielectric over the first region and the first gate.

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